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All People	266,942	72,304	2,030	27.1	0.7	285,073	57,761	1,272	20.3	0.4	287,299	55,824	1,771	19.4	0.6	291,826	55,886	1,836	19.2	0.6
Race and Hispanic Origin																				
White ³	215,709	52,698	1,802	24.4	0.8	229,484	41,197	1,093	18.0	0.5	231,210	39,479	1,490	17.1	0.6	234,012	39,334	1,561	16.8	0.7
White, non-Hispanic ⁴	183,379	38,451	1,705	21.0	0.9	192,264	29,182	880	15.2	0.5	192,755	27,142	1,231	14.1	0.6	193,662	26,170	1,150	13.5	0.6
Black ³	33,231	13,962	867	42.0	2.6	35,751	12,027	563	33.6	1.6	35,828	11,883	794	33.2	2.2	36,635	11,720	820	32.0	2.2
Asian ³	8,813	2,449	492	27.8	5.2	9,617	1,713	276	17.8	2.7	9,859	1,789	372	18.1	3.6	10,387	1,950	425	18.8	4.0
Hispanic ⁴	34,968	15,312	931	43.8	2.6	40,269	13,075	636	32.5	1.6	41,733	13,346	901	32.0	2.2	43,701	14,010	1,007	32.1	2.3
Non-Hispanic	231,973	56,992	1,886	24.6	0.8	244,804	44,705	1,062	18.3	0.4	245,566	42,478	1,580	17.3	0.6	248,124	41,876	1,498	16.9	0.6
Age																				
Under 18 years	66,497	23,066	1,012	34.7	1.4	72,432	19,973	623	27.6	0.9	72,373	19,211	874	26.5	1.2	72,686	19,556	890	26.9	1.2
18 to 64 years	169,758	44,060	1,304	26.0	0.7	179,194	34,003	767	19.0	0.4	181,298	32,688	1,057	18.0	0.6	184,466	32,460	1,165	17.6	0.6
65 years and over	30,686	5,177	384	16.9	1.2	33,447	3,805	220	11.4	0.7	33,628	3,926	304	11.7	0.9	34,675	3,869	266	11.2	0.8
Sex																				
Male	128,732	32,875	1,154	25.5	0.9	139,049	26,262	714	18.9	0.5	140,169	25,543	955	18.2	0.7	142,659	25,675	1,056	18.0	0.7
Female	138,210	39,429	1,166	28.5	0.8	146,024	31,518	700	21.6	0.5	147,130	30,282	989	20.6	0.7	149,167	30,211	1,034	20.3	0.7
Educational Attainment⁵ (people 18 years and over)																				
Less than 4 years of high school	28,020	12,512	744	44.7	1.9	29,820	10,123	473	33.9	1.3	28,881	9,722	608	33.7	1.7	28,342	8,939	592	31.5	1.7
High school graduate, no college	51,129	13,167	701	25.8	1.3	56,971	11,131	422	19.5	0.7	57,613	10,987	647	19.1	1.0	59,609	11,579	734	19.4	1.0
One or more years of college	121,295	23,559	1,071	19.4	0.8	125,849	16,554	562	13.2	0.4	128,431	15,905	787	12.4	0.6	131,189	15,813	765	12.1	0.6
Disability Status (people 15 to 69 years)																				
With a work disability	23,633	9,913	539	41.9	1.8	24,843	8,410	326	33.9	1.1	25,966	8,765	516	33.8	1.6	25,191	8,104	506	32.2	1.6
With no work disability	167,787	39,524	1,353	23.6	0.8	176,506	29,468	783	16.7	0.4	177,947	28,021	1,079	15.7	0.6	182,400	28,440	1,165	15.6	0.6
Residence																				
Metropolitan	216,012	56,714	2,535	26.3	0.9	237,504	45,984	1,436	19.4	0.5	231,310	42,638	1,888	18.4	0.7	233,519	42,295	2,080	18.1	0.7
Nonmetropolitan	50,930	15,590	2,372	30.6	2.2	47,569	11,797	1,430	24.8	1.6	55,989	13,187	1,732	23.6	1.9	58,307	13,591	1,667	23.3	1.9
Region																				
Northeast	49,860	13,193	931	26.5	1.8	52,977	10,086	587	19.0	1.1	52,996	9,471	865	17.9	1.6	53,253	9,478	856	17.8	1.6
Midwest	61,099	14,072	872	23.0	1.4	63,966	11,943	533	18.7	0.8	64,251	10,794	830	16.8	1.3	64,761	10,761	786	16.6	1.2
South	94,916	28,119	1,387	29.6	1.5	102,743	22,679	777	22.1	0.8	103,755	22,740	1,192	21.9	1.1	105,818	22,475	1,313	21.2	1.2
West	61,066	16,920	1,166	27.7	1.9	65,386	13,072	725	20.0	1.1	66,297	12,820	903	19.3	1.4	67,994	13,172	989	19.4	1.5

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Family Status																				
In families	226,477	57,157	1,950	25.2	0.8	239,479	44,829	1,183	18.7	0.5	240,857	42,870	1,595	17.8	0.7	244,258	42,872	1,662	17.6	0.7
With related children under 18 years	144,160	44,841	1,858	31.1	1.2	154,380	36,876	1,156	23.9	0.7	155,266	35,499	1,531	22.9	1.0	156,388	35,559	1,559	22.7	1.0
In married-couple families	178,467	34,384	1,767	19.3	1.0	184,694	24,339	1,038	13.2	0.6	186,228	22,847	1,293	12.3	0.7	189,252	22,750	1,394	12.0	0.7
With related children under 18 years	109,875	25,793	1,651	23.5	1.4	114,764	18,928	985	16.5	0.8	115,803	17,793	1,224	15.4	1.0	117,711	17,995	1,301	15.3	1.1
In families with a female householder, no husband present	38,212	19,355	1,042	50.7	2.3	42,804	17,584	761	41.1	1.4	42,781	17,478	981	40.9	1.9	43,010	17,185	1,029	40.0	2.1
With related children under 18 years	28,292	16,489	990	58.3	2.9	32,208	15,670	724	48.7	1.7	31,864	15,675	912	49.2	2.4	31,819	15,368	995	48.3	2.6
In families with a male householder, no wife present	9,799	3,417	482	34.9	4.3	11,981	2,906	321	24.3	2.5	11,849	2,544	386	21.5	3.0	11,995	2,937	439	24.5	3.4
With related children under 18 years	5,993	2,558	474	42.7	6.2	7,408	2,278	318	30.8	3.6	7,598	2,031	355	26.7	4.1	6,858	2,197	411	32.0	5.1
Unrelated individuals	40,464	15,147	670	37.4	1.5	45,594	12,952	416	28.4	0.9	46,442	12,955	587	27.9	1.2	47,568	13,013	607	27.4	1.2
In non-family households	37,829	13,488	626	35.7	1.5	42,477	11,535	373	27.2	0.9	43,526	11,564	531	26.6	1.2	44,781	11,592	580	25.9	1.2
Employment and Labor Force Status (people 18 years and over)																				
Employed absent from work	2,015	682	178	33.9	6.6	1,973	583	82	29.6	3.7	2,360	603	131	25.5	4.6	1,925	486	119	25.3	5.3
Employed full-time	104,739	17,576	774	16.8	0.7	109,359	11,168	463	10.2	0.4	112,186	10,705	598	9.5	0.5	114,057	11,038	631	9.7	0.5
Employed part-time	27,961	8,613	617	30.8	1.7	28,855	6,290	307	21.8	0.9	29,262	6,363	512	21.7	1.5	30,839	6,339	453	20.6	1.3
Unemployed	5,619	3,106	366	55.3	4.4	6,208	2,909	202	46.9	2.4	4,989	2,465	287	49.4	4.5	4,211	2,137	271	50.8	4.5
Not in labor force	60,110	19,260	805	32.0	1.1	66,246	16,858	529	25.4	0.7	66,130	16,477	685	24.9	0.9	68,108	16,330	673	24.0	0.9
Marital Status (people 18 years and over)																				
Married	116,134	20,037	1,007	17.3	0.9	119,675	14,087	555	11.8	0.5	119,668	12,925	649	10.8	0.5	121,264	12,936	777	10.7	0.6
Separated, divorced, or widowed	36,457	12,342	539	33.9	1.4	40,709	10,371	346	25.5	0.8	40,603	10,458	521	25.8	1.2	41,530	10,263	515	24.7	1.1
Never married	47,853	16,858	812	35.2	1.5	52,258	13,349	444	25.5	0.8	54,655	13,231	655	24.2	1.1	56,346	13,131	659	23.3	1.1
Family Size																				
1 person (unrelated individual)	40,464	15,147	670	37.4	1.5	45,594	12,952	416	28.4	0.9	46,442	12,955	587	27.9	1.2	47,568	13,013	607	27.4	1.2
2 people	64,496	12,632	844	19.6	1.2	67,511	9,515	464	14.1	0.6	66,478	9,218	666	13.9	1.0	65,718	8,261	598	12.6	0.9
3 people	47,763	11,646	979	24.4	1.9	51,396	8,629	489	16.8	0.8	51,423	7,640	715	14.9	1.3	53,295	7,532	707	14.1	1.2
4 people	58,844	14,252	1,216	24.2	1.9	61,818	11,121	636	18.0	1.0	63,051	10,851	919	17.2	1.3	63,449	11,828	1,091	18.6	1.6
5 people	31,571	9,262	1,082	29.3	3.0	33,882	7,760	660	22.9	1.9	34,948	7,626	856	21.8	2.2	34,978	7,505	884	21.5	2.4
6 or more people	23,803	9,366	1,118	39.3	4.0	24,872	7,804	705	31.4	2.4	24,957	7,534	905	30.2	3.2	26,818	7,746	1,001	28.9	3.3

¹ Panel and yearly estimates are based on different samples. The 3-year panel estimates include only respondents in the panel for 36 months whereas calendar year estimates include respondents in sample for 12 months. The numbers of respondents in each sample are as follows: 25,371 in the 3-year panel, 76,953 in 2005, 34,372 in 2006, and 34,489 in 2007. In Wave 9 of the 2004 SIPP Panel, the survey sample was cut by a 53 percent sample reduction; sampling weights adjust for this reduction. Calendar months October, November, and December of 2007 are missing for some rotation groups in the 2004 Panel. For longitudinal estimates covering these calendar months, a carry forward imputation method was applied. This report uses the Successive Difference Replication method for all estimates from the 2004 and 2008 Panel; therefore, confidence intervals for estimates from the 2004 Panel will vary from those previously published in P70-123, "Dynamics of Economic Well-Being 2004-2006."

² A 90 percent confidence interval (C.I.) is a measure of an estimate's variability. The larger the confidence interval in relation to the size of the estimate, the less reliable the estimate.

³ Federal surveys, including the SIPP 2004 and 2008 Panel, give respondents the option of reporting more than one race. These data can be shown in two ways: (1) as mutually exclusive from other race groups, which may be denoted by "alone" or (2) not mutually exclusive with other race groups, denoted by "alone or in combination with other race groups." The figures, tables, and text in this report show race using the first method.

⁴ Hispanics may be any race, data in this report for Hispanics overlap data for racial groups. Data users should exercise caution when interpreting aggregate results for these groups because they consist of many distinct subgroups that differ in socioeconomic characteristics, culture, and recency of immigration.

⁵ In the 2004 and 2008 SIPP Panels, educational attainment variables were incorrectly coded for some respondents starting in Wave 2. Corrected files have been rereleased for the 2008 Panel for Waves 2 to 5, and starting in Wave 6, the corrected values were automatically included in the initial person-level data files. Corrected files were also rereleased for Waves 2 to 12 of the 2004 Panel. These estimates reflect those corrections to the educational attainment variables, and therefore, estimates by educational attainment in the 2004 Panel may vary from those previously published in P70-123, "Dynamics of Economic Well-Being 2004-2006."

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Survey of Income and Program Participation, 2004 Panel. For information on confidentiality protection and sampling and nonsampling error, see <www.census.gov/sipp/source.html>.